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I...Brigadier-General Joseph Hays, U. S. Volunteers, and Colonel Stephen M. Weld, Jr., 56th Massachusetts Volunteers, prisoners of war, are selected by the Government of the United States as the officers to be placed on parole, agreeable to the arrangement entered into by Lieutenant-General Grant and Commissioner Ould to receive and distribute to the United States prisoners of war, such articles of clothing and other necessaries herein mentioned, as may be issued by the Government or contributed from other sources.

Should either General HAYS or Colonel Weld be unable to perform these duties, Colonel THOMAS H. BUTLER, 5th Indiana Cavalry, and Lieutenant-Colonel John A. Mans, 202d Pennsylvania Volunteers, are designated as their alternates.

II...The United States Government will forward to its prisoners of war in the South the following articles:

Uniform Hats, Flannel Shirts, Blankets, woolen, Uniform Caps, Drawers, Blankets, gum, Uniform Coats, Bootees, Commissary Stores.

The friends of the United States prisoners of war confined in the South are permitted to forward to them, by flag of truce boat or other authorized channel, the following articles:

Coats,	Pants.	Vests,
Underclothes,	Soeks,	Hats,
Caps,	Shoes,	Handkerchiefs,
Suspenders,	Looking-glasses.	Towels,
Brushes,	Combs,	Clothes brooms,
Buttons,	Tape,	Thread,
Sewing cotton,	Pins and needles,	Scissors,
Pocket knives,	Paper,	Envelopes,
Steel pens,	Lead pencils,	Pen knives,
Postage stamps,	Tobacco,	Cigars,
Pipes,	Snuff,	Crushed sugar,
Syrups,	Family soap,	Butter,
Lard,	Smoked beef,	Beef tongue,
Bologna sausage,	Corn meal,	Nutmegs,
Penner.	Mustard,	Table salt,

Salt fish, Crackers, Cheese,

Pickles, Sauces, Vegetables,
Dried fruit. Lemons. Nuts.

Apples, Matches, Yeast powder, Crockery, Glassware, Tinware,

Meats and fish in cans.

III...All articles for prisoners of war will be forwarded to Colonel John E. Mulford, Agent for Exchange of Prisoners of War, at Fort Monroe, Virginia.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

E. D. TOWNSEND,

Assistant Adjutant General.

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Assistant Adjutant General.